

REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of this application, Applicant replaces the first paragraph of the specification to accurately reflect the priority information. The foregoing amendment is not related to the issues of patentability and introduces no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested.

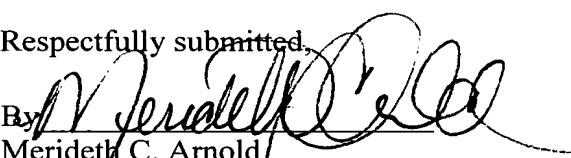
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. IFM-005CP4CN2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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